



# DISASTER ASSISTANCE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FARM SERVICE AGENCY

## FACT SHEET

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### Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Programs at a Glance

Disaster programs	Blizzard	Fire	Hurricane/ Typhoon	Excessive Moisture/ Flood	Excessive Winds/ Tornado	Drought	Hail	Volcanic Eruption/ Emissions	Freeze	Earthquake
<b>Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)</b> - provides funding to rehabilitate farmland damaged by wind erosion, floods, hurricanes, or other natural disasters, and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)</b> - provides payments to eligible owners of rural nonindustrial private forest land to carry out emergency measures to restore forest health on land damaged by natural disaster events such as floods, hurricanes, or other natural disasters	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)</b> - provides payments to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish to help compensate for losses due to disease (including cattle tick fever), adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires.	Yes	Yes, except on federally managed land	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, except for water transportation	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Emergency Loan Program (EM)</b> - provides EM loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Livestock Forage Disaster - Program (LFP)</b> - provides compensation for grazing losses for covered livestock on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or certain crops planted specifically for grazing. The grazing losses must be due to a qualifying drought condition or fire on Federally managed land during the normal grazing period for the county.	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
<b>Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)</b> - provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. In addition, LIP covers attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, except when associated with anthrax	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)</b> - provides financial assistance for noninsurable crop losses due to drought, flood, hurricane, or other natural disasters.	Yes	Yes, Only as a related condition to an eligible disaster	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Tree Assistance Program (TAP)</b> - provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or, where applicable, rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes and vines lost by natural disasters.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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### FSA Disaster Assistance Programs at a Glance

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Other natural disasters that may apply to some of these programs include:

- Explosion
- High water
- Landslide
- Mudslide
- Severe snowstorm
- Storm, including ice storms
- Tidal wave
- Wind-driven water
- Insect infestation
- Plant disease
- Lightning
- Other **natural** phenomena

Some man-made conditions qualify for disaster assistance, as follows:

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Disaster programs	Pesticide Contamination	Nuclear Radiation/Fallout	Toxic Substances Other Than Pesticides	Chemical Residue Other Than Pesticides
<b>Dairy Indemnity Payment Program (DIPP)</b> - Pays dairy producers when a public regulatory agency directs them to remove their raw milk from the commercial market because it has been contaminated by pesticides, nuclear radiation or fallout, or toxic substances and chemical residues other than pesticides.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the FSA disaster programs, visit your local FSA county office or Service Center, or visit online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index>. To find your local FSA county office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>

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# CONSERVATION

## FACT SHEET

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### Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) - Grasslands

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#### OVERVIEW

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands is part of the Conservation Reserve Program, a federally funded voluntary program that contracts with agricultural producers so that environmentally sensitive agricultural land is protected and used for conservation benefits.

With CRP, participants establish or maintain long-term, resource-conserving vegetative species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as “covers”) to control soil erosion, improve the water quality and enhance wildlife habitat. In return, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance during the duration of the contract period.

With CRP Grasslands, landowners and operators can protect grassland, including rangeland and pastureland, and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. The program emphasizes support for grazing operations, plant and animal biodiversity and grassland and land containing shrubs and forbs under the greatest threat of conversion. Participants receive annual payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 14 and 15 years.

CRP Grasslands is authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) FSA administers the program on behalf of the USDA Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

#### BENEFITS

Protecting grasslands contributes positively to the economy of many regions, provides biodiversity of plant and animal populations and improves environmental quality.

#### HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Participants retain the right to conduct common grazing practices, produce hay, mow or harvest

for seed production (subject to certain restrictions during the nesting season of bird species that are in significant decline or those that are protected under federal or state law), conduct fire rehabilitation and construct firebreaks and fences.

#### RANKING LAND OFFERED FOR CRP GRASSLANDS

Interested participants may file applications with the USDA FSA at any time. These applications will be batched and reviewed at least once a year to determine which applications can be approved using Grassland Ranking Factors. FSA collects data for each of the ranking factors based on the relative benefits for the land offered. Each eligible offer is ranked in comparison to all other offers and selections made from that ranking.

FSA uses the following ranking factors, including:

- Existence of expiring CRP or Grassland Reserve Program land;
- Existing grassland;
- Multi-species cover existence and predominance of native species;
- Livestock grazing operation;
- State Focus Area (land-based) determined in consultation with State Technical Committee; and
- Whether the applicant is an eligible new, veteran or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher.

#### RENTAL PAYMENTS

In return for following an approved CRP conservation plan, FSA provides annual rental payments to participants in an amount that is not more than 75 percent of the grazing value of the land covered by the agreement as determined by FSA for the life of the agreement.



## **COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE**

FSA provides cost-share assistance to participants who establish approved practices on eligible land in an amount that is not more than 50 percent of the participants' costs in establishing approved practices.

## **SMALL LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS**

Small livestock operations will be ranked against other small operations. Small livestock operations with 100 or fewer grazing dairy cows or equivalent can submit applications to enroll up to 200 acres per operation.

<b>Animal Kind/Class</b>	<b>Animal Unit Equivalent</b>
Beef/Bufalo/Dry Dairy Cow	1.00
Dairy Cow	1.40
Beef/Dairy/Bufalo Bulls	1.50
Calf	0.30
Heifer	0.86
Yearling Cattle	0.65
Sheep, Ewe	0.16
Lamb, Weaned to Yearling	0.14
Ram (200 lbs.)	0.17
Goat, mature	0.15
Kid, yearling	0.10
Llama	0.23

## **ELIGIBLE PRODUCERS**

A producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to closing the CRP enrollment period, unless:

- The new owner acquired the land due to the previous owner's death;
- The ownership change occurred due to foreclosure where the owner exercised a timely right of redemption in accordance with state law; or
- The circumstances of the acquisition present adequate assurance to FSA that the new owner

did not acquire the land for the purpose of placing it in CRP.

## **ELIGIBLE LAND**

Land currently must be planted to a grass cover.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

This fact sheet is for informational purposes only; other restrictions may apply. To find more information about CRP Grasslands, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/crp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp). For more details on FSA conservation programs, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation) or contact your local FSA office. To locate the nearest FSA office or USDA service center, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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